

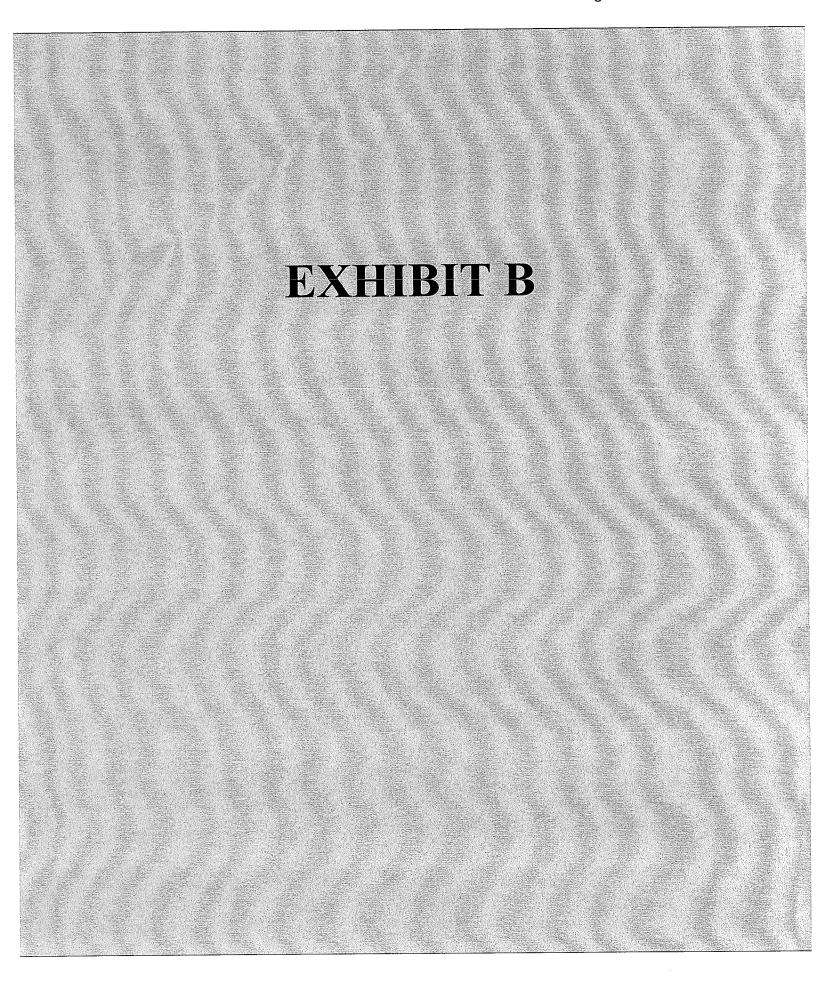
(TO PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNEY: PLEASE CIRCLE TYPE OF ACTION INVOLVED: TORT - MOTOR VEHICLE TORT - CONTRACT -**EQUITABLE RELIEF - OTHER)** 

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<b>v.</b>			
Pipsi Bernage Company, Defend	lant(s)		
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To the above-named Defendant: Peps: Beverage Company			
plaintiff's attorney, whose address is 50 10/minul 5/101/ PW 7. 51/2 an answer to the complaint which is herewith served upon you, within 20 d summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You are also required to complaint in the office of the Clerk of this court at Dedham either before servattorney or within a reasonable time thereafter.	lays after t by defau	service o ılt will be	of this taken
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1. This summons is issued pursuant to Rules 4 of the Massachusetts Rules of Civil Procedure.

2. When more than one defendant is involved, the names of all such defendants should appear in the caption. If a separate summons is used for each such defendant, each should be addressed to the particular defendant.



NORFOLK, ss.

2019 MAR 21 FM 4: INORFOLK SUPERIOR COURT CIVIL ACTION NO.:

NORFOLK COUNTY

JAVIER AYALA

Plaintiff,

v.

Defendant.

Defendant.

## COMPLAINT AND JURY DEMAND

#### **Parties**

- 1. The Plaintiff, Javier Ayala is an individual who resides at 75 Wyoming Avenue, Brockton, Plymouth County, Massachusetts.
- 2. The Defendant, Pepsi Beverages Company (hereinafter "Company" or "Defendant") is a Corporation headquartered in Somers, NY, with a principal place of business at 100 John Road, Canton, Norfolk County, Massachusetts.

#### <u>Facts</u>

- 1. Mr. Ayala is a Hispanic male.
- 2. Mr. Ayala began working for the Company as a delivery driver on or about March 19, 2014.
- 3. On July 23, 2018, Mr. Ayala made a delivery to Roslindale House of Pizza ("Roslindale Pizza").
- 4. Mr. Ayala gave a Roslindale Pizza employee an invoice for the delivery.
- 5. The employee told Mr. Ayala he did not have a check for the order and insisted Mr. Ayala leave the order and return later for payment.
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- 7. The Roslindale Pizza employee refused to pay Mr. Ayala for the delivery.
- 8. Mr. Ayala began to remove the Pepsi products from the shelf, when the Roslindale Pizza employee suddenly handed him a check to pay for the delivery.
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- 10. When Mr. Ayala asked the Chef where the containers were the chef replied, "you should know where it's at, that's your job."
- 11. Mr. Ayala picked up the containers and left the premises.
- 12. On July 30, 2018, Mr. Ayala was called to the Defendant unit Manager's office and informed he was suspended until further investigation because of the events on July 23, 2018 at the Roslindale House of Pizza described herein.
- 13. The Defendant conducted a cursory, one-sided, investigation on the incident, consisting of a conversation with a few Roslindale House of Pizza employees who claimed that Mr. Ayala had been disrespectful and had an attitude."
- 14. The Defendant's investigation did not include collecting information and statements from Mr. Ayala, nor a fellow Pepsi employee who witnessed the entire incident.
- 15. Prior to this incident, the Defendant had given Mr. Ayala excellent performance reviews and recognized him with several awards for his eagerness to help fellow employee (drivers) and managers learn their job responsibilities and improve internal operations and efficiency.
- 16. At that time, Mr. Ayala stated that he felt discriminated against based upon his race / color.
- 17. On August 8, 2018, without further investigation, nor any statements or information about the incident from Mr. Ayala, Pepsi terminated his employment.
- 18. On information and belief, the Defendant has a history of treating non-Hispanic employees more favorably than Hispanic employees.
- 19. For example, John Bernard, a Caucasian employee, did not perform in his delivering product to Walgreens Pharmacy.

- 20. Although Walgreens did not want Mr. Bernard to service the account any longer, the Defendant neither terminated, nor disciplined him for his poor performance with this major account.
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#### Causes of Action

(Each Cause Of Action Incorporates Therein All Of The Paragraphs Set Forth, Hereinabove.)

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- 24. The Plaintiff is Hispanic.
- 25. The Defendant is aware that Plaintiff is Hispanic.
- 26. The Plaintiff was subjected to race discrimination, which had the purpose of creating a hostile and humiliating work environment, which interfered with the Plaintiff's ability to do his job.
- 27. The Plaintiff was treated less favorably than his Caucasian comparators.
- 28. The Plaintiff was terminated because of his race.
- 29. As a result of the Defendant's conduct, the Plaintiff has suffered.

# The Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all triable issues.

WHEREFORE, the Plaintiff hereby requests that this Honorable Court grant the following relief:

1. Judgment against the Defendant;

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2. Attorney's fees, costs and expert witness fees;

- 3. Compensatory damages for emotional distress;
- 4. Punitive damages pursuant to MGL c. 151B, § 9;
- 5. Pre-Judgment and Post-Judgment Interest, and
- 6. Such other relief as the Court deems just and fair.

March 15, 2019

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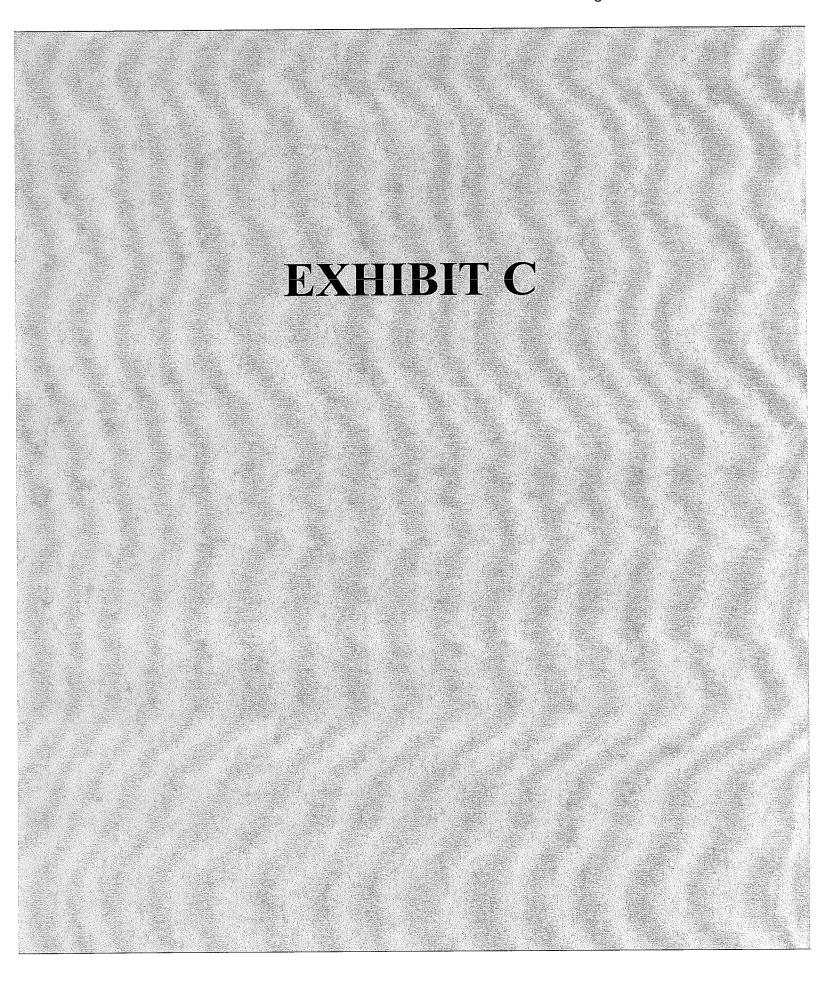
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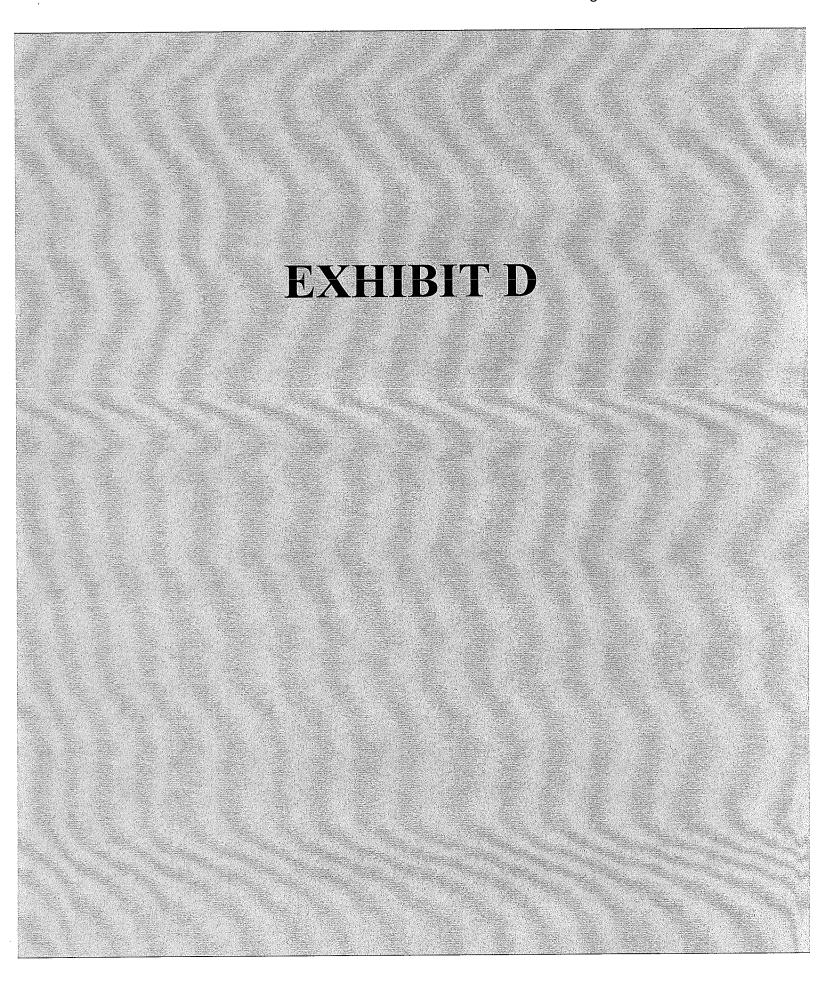
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# ACKNOWLEDGMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF SERVICE

Service of Plaintiff's Complaint & Jury Demand, Copy of Summons, Tracking Order and Civil Action Cover Sheet is hereby acknowledged and accepted by Defendant, Pepsi Beverages Company

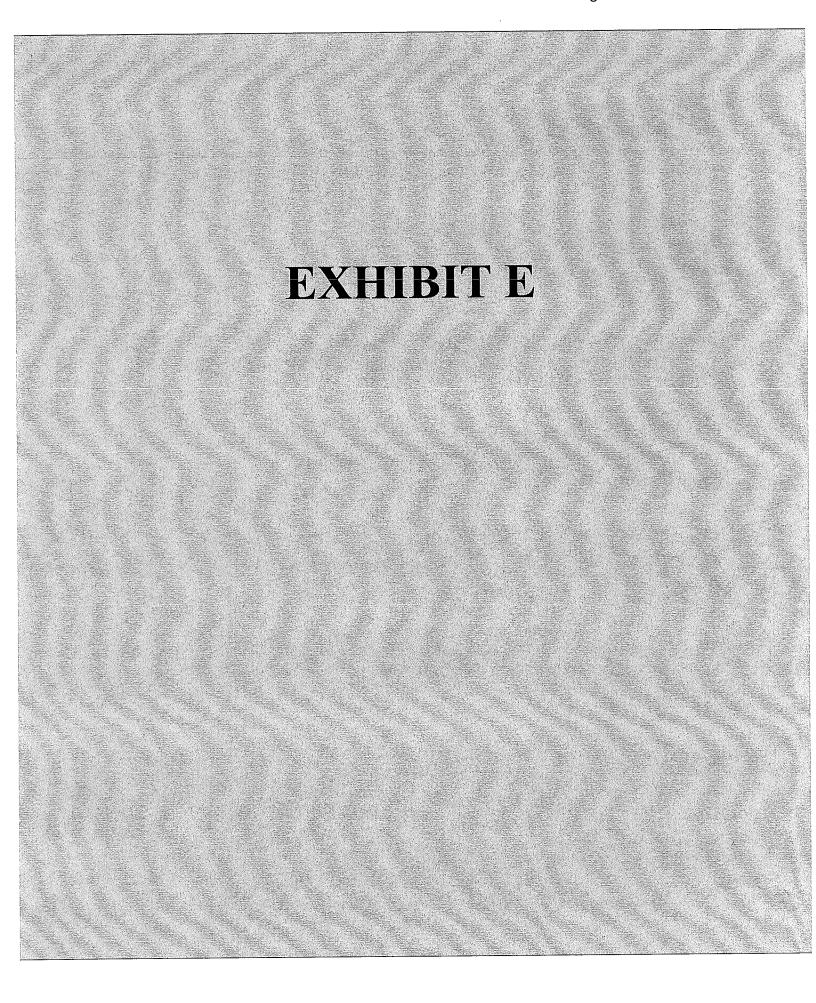
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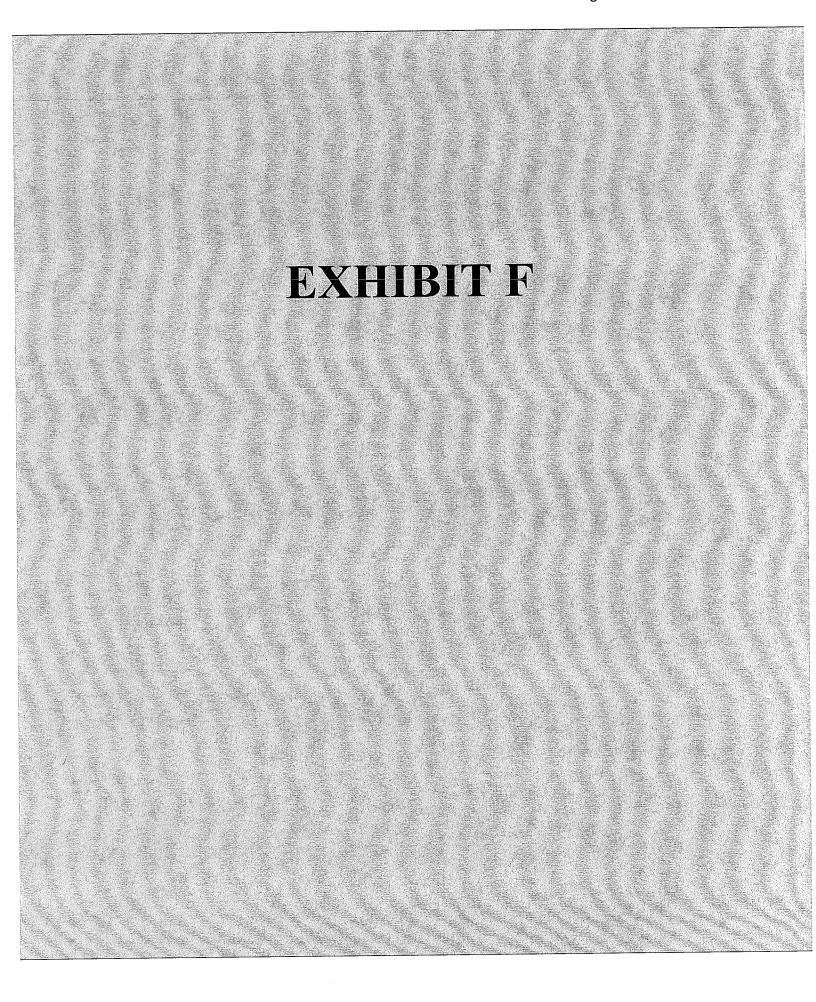
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# **NOTICE TO STATE COURT OF REMOVAL**

Please take notice that Defendant New Bern Transport Corporation, misnamed as "New Bern Transport Company d/b/a Pepsi Beverages Company" ("Defendant") has, on June 6, 2019, filed a Notice of Removal, a copy of which is attached hereto, in the Office of the Clerk of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Please take further notice that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1446(d), the filing of said Notice of Removal in the United States District Court together with the filing of a copy of that Notice of Removal with the Clerk of this Court, effects removal of this action to the United States District Court, and this Court may proceed no further unless and until the case is remanded.

Respectfully submitted,

DEFENDANT NEW BERN TRANSPORT CORPORATION,

By its attorney,

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Dated: June 6, 2019

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on June 6, 2019, a true copy of the above document was served via U.S. Mail upon counsel of record in this matter.

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